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INTO THE PLANT GENOME

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1. Taylor, et al. "Microparticle Bombardment as a Tool in Plant Science and Agricultural Biotechnology" DNA AND CELL BIOLOGY, Vol. 21, Number 12, 963-977, 2002. (**Exhibit 1**)
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109-117, 2001. (Exhibit 2)

3. Kumar, et al. "Controlling transgene integration in plants" TRENDS in Plant Science, Vol. 6 No. 4, 155-159, April 2001. (Exhibit 3)
4. Moxon, et al. "DNA MICROSATELLITES: AGENTS OF EVOLUTION?" Scientific American, Vol. 280 Issue 1, January 1999. (Exhibit 4)
5. McLaren, James S., "Transgenic Crops: The Success of Transgenic Crops in the USA" Pesticide Outlook, 36-41, December 1998. (Exhibit 5)

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